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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

This paper is submitted in response to the pending Office action, Paper No. 8, mailed from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on October 3, 2002.

Applicants respectfully request entry of the following amendments, reconsideration and withdrawal of all grounds of rejection, and passage of the claims to allowance.

Please amend the application, without prejudice, and consider the following remarks.

In the Claims:

Please amend claims 1 and 22 to read as follows. In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(c)(1)(ii), a marked up version of the claim amendments is attached at the end of this Amendment and Response.

1. ~~(Amended) A sole for an article of footwear, the sole comprising:~~
an insole layer defining a plurality of first openings, wherein a substantial portion
of the plurality of first openings are interconnected;